



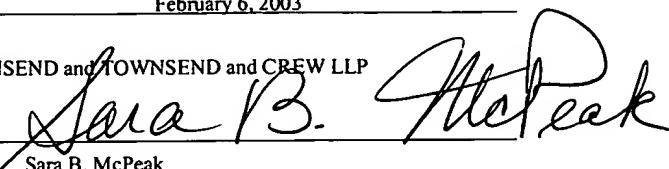
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lynn Holm-Blagg

Application No.: 09/298,505

Filed: April 23, 1999

For: METHOD FOR LINKING
ACCOUNTS CORRESPONDING TO
DIFFERENT PRODUCTS TOGETHER
TO CREATE A GROUP

Examiner: Andrew J. Fischer

Art Unit: 3627

COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney's secretary made a telephone inquiry as to the status of this application on February 5, 2003. She and Examiner Andrew J. Fischer spoke on the telephone regarding such status. As per the suggestion of Examiner Fischer, this communication encloses a duplicate submission of documents filed April 23, 2002 and May 30, 2002 relying on (i) *the certificate of mailing* and (ii) *the returned postcard with the Patent and Trademark Office* as proof that these documents were received by the U. S. Patent Office.

April 23, 2002 Filing

The instant application was initially filed and prosecuted by the law firm of Jones & Askew, LLP. On April 23, 2002, Applicant, through the firm of the undersigned attorney, Townsend and Townsend and Crew, LLP, filed the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (Transmittal form and Fee Transmittal)
2. Amendment in response to Final Office Action (26 pages)
3. Communication Change of Correspondence Address for Phone and Mail and New Attorney Docket No.
4. Revocation of Power of Attorney
5. Power of Attorney authorizing undersigned attorney's firm to prosecute
6. Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73 and copy of assignment

Copies of the above documents are enclosed, together with a copy of the postcard stamped by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office with the date of April 23, 2002.

Subsequent to Applicant's above-referenced RCE, Examiner Fischer mailed a Restriction Requirement on May 16, 2002, which was received by the undersigned attorney on May 24, 2002. This Restriction Requirement reflected the new address as requested in item 3 above, however, the Attorney Docket Number has not been changed.

May 30, 2002 Filing

On May 30, 2002, Applicant filed the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (Transmittal form)
2. Copy of Communication previously filed 4-23-2003
3. Application Data Sheet

Copies of the above documents are enclosed together with a copy of the postcard stamped by the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office with the date of June 7, 2002.

Further, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed in this matter on June 20, 2002, together with 24 references. In the discussion with Examiner Fischer and the undersigned's secretary on February 6, 2003, no mention was made of the IDS, so with this Communication applicant is not including a duplicate copy of the IDS. However, upon request the undersigned attorney will send in the duplicate copy of the

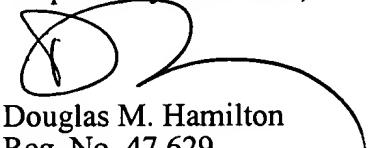
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With this Communication, Applicant respectfully requests that the duplicate submission of the above documents be accepted and that prosecution of this application be continued. The Examiner is asked to please contact the undersigned attorney at (303) 571-4000 if the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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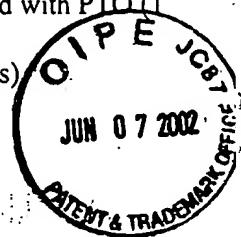
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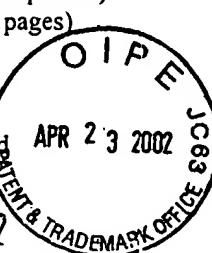
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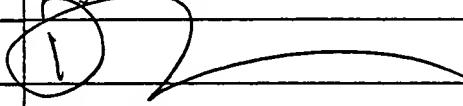
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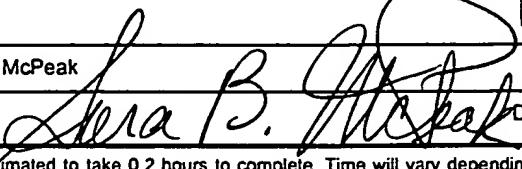
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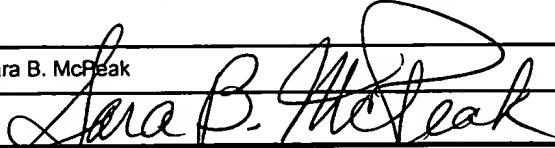
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